

**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/23/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 61-67.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The best prior art of record is an Internet web site, [www.golfagent.com](http://www.golfagent.com), retrieved from the Internet Archive Wayback machine (hereinafter referred to as GolfAgent). GolfAgent discloses a method comprising the steps of, with a hub server, receiving a request for a web page from a golfer computer via a communications network, wherein the communication network is the Internet, wherein the request designates a specific geographic region, wherein the request includes a date on which the golfer desires to play but does not require the golfer to specify the golfer's desired time of play in order to generate a list of available tee times, the golfer located remotely from the hub server; in response to the request, generating a single web page listing multiple tee times available at a single golf course for reservation by golfers, wherein if the request designates a specific geographic region, the single web page is generated to list available tee times for one golf course in the specific geographic region, the multiple tee times indicated as available for the one golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the date; transmitting the single web page to the golfer computer via the communication network, receiving specific tee times posted by a plurality of golf course user's computers via the communications network, the golf course users' computers located remotely from the hub server and the golfer computer, storing the available tee times in a database, and in response to the request, retrieving the available tee times from the database for use in generating the single web page, receiving a reservation for a selected golf

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course and tee time from the user computer via a communication network; storing the reservation in the database, and transmitting the reservation to the computer of the selected golf course via the communication network, wherein the listing of the multiple available tee times are next-day tee times for respective golf courses.

As per independent claim 61, the best prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest, in response to the request, generating a single web page listing multiple tee times available *at a plurality of golf courses* for reservation by golfers, the multiple tee time indicated as available for each golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the date. GolfAgent discloses, in response to the request, generating a single web page listing multiple tee times available at only one golf course for reservation by golfers, the multiple tee times indicated as available for the one golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the date. None of the prior art remedy the deficiency found in the GolfAgent reference.

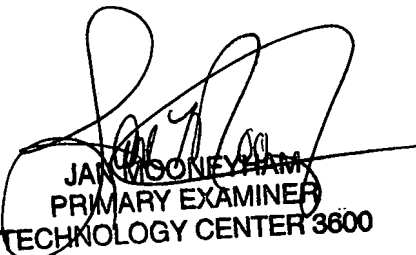
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janice A. Mooneyham whose telephone number is (571) 272-6805. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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